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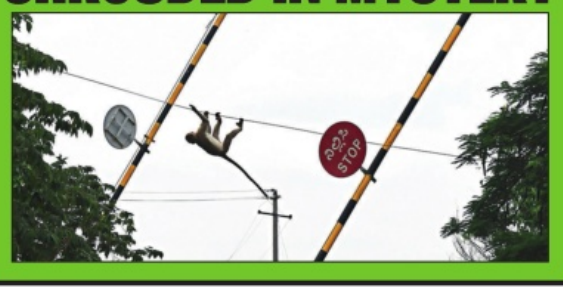

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**THE JAWAD EFFECT: TRAINS FROM THE CITY CANCELLED**

## As state reports TPR below 1% for past 100 days, doctor with no travel history tests positive for Omicron variant

# OHMYCORONA!

## Omicron+ve South African national checks out

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For 100 days now, the daily covid positivity rate of the state has been less than 1%, which shows the coronavirus is well within control.

On Wednesday, Karnataka hit 100 days of reporting less than 100 cases, with the daily positivity rate hovering around 0.30%.

That is when the Union health ministry on Thursday confirmed that two cases of the Omicron variant of covid-19 were detected in Bengaluru — a South African national and a doctor from Bommanahalli. The latter had no travel history.

Both individuals who tested positive for the variant have received two doses of vaccine.

The 66-year-old male travelled from South Africa to Bengaluru on November 20 with a covid-negative report.

He was, however, screened and tested at the Bengaluru international airport. The South African checked into a hotel on November 20. His test results, from the samples collected at the airport, returned positive.

A primary health centre doctor visited the South African, carried out a physical triage and found him asymptomatic. However, he was advised to stay isolated. On

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**"The doctor is stable...Among his contacts, five people who tested positive are isolated and admitted in govt hospitals. None of them are presenting any serious symptoms. They have mild infections... All are fully vaccinated...**

–Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister, K'taka

TURN OFF PANIC BUTTON, SAY EXPERTS

...VARIANT COULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN AROUND

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# FREE MARKET ECONOMY

## Produce laden vehicles have no place to park at KR Puram Market

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KR Puram traffic police are having a tough time managing vehicle movement in and around the KR Puram Market area, especially during the wee hours.

Vehicles ferrying vegetables, fruits and flowers to Bengaluru from the neighbouring districts are now parking on the road. The crew would be seen unloading the produce and moving it to the market area obstructing traffic movement, naturally resulting in a traffic bottleneck.

A senior police officer said the traffic buzz starts as early as midnight when vehicles from the neighbouring districts and states arrive with vegetables, fruits and flowers. Earlier, most of these goods vehicles would be seen parked at a vast vacant plot, owned by the education department, adjacent to the market.

Until recently, a major chunk of the vehicles would go into the vacant site for parking and unloading of merchandise. The education department recently put up construction sheets surrounding the boundary of the aforementioned site as they are to build a Guru Bhavan (teachers' hall) and multiple classrooms. Now, the vehicles

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## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Watch a satire

Watch Chalo, Raja Se Miley, a whacky comedy and a satire on greed, lust for power, politics, and redemption. This play has a god, a king, and a Brahman looking for alms. Backed by an entourage of colourful characters, this is the theatre experience that will leave you craving for more. Though this play was written in the 90's by Manoj Mitra, the story is relatable and very relevant to today's socio-political climate too. Touching upon themes of social inequality and abuse of power, it throws light on the famous saying of how 'power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely'. **Where, when: Alliance Française de Bangalore, Dec 4, 7 pm**
**Ranga Shankara, Dec 10, 7:30 pm**
**Tickets: Rs 200, bookmyshow.com**

### 02 A middle-eastern saga

Known for her dazzling, sensual, emotionally rich, and captivating performances, Debapriya Das, the founder of Nrityakosh, and her dance troupe of professional dancers are gearing up to bring to life an evening of middle-eastern music, dance and storytelling. Called Leylet Hob, the performance will be held at Bangalore International Centre (BIC). **Where: Bangalore International Centre (BIC); When: Dec 5, 6:30 pm**
**Tickets: Rs 375, insider.in**

### 03 Morning melodies

Musician Vishnu R presents a one-of-a-kind experience -- a morning of soulful and refreshing Indian classical ragas and popular songs, rendered on his newly invented instrument 'Navtar'. The Navtar is a unique nine-string instrument that brings out rich and intricate Indian classical melodies, and sounds like no other instrument!
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# Bollards gone missing? Blame the illegal parking

## Bollards that demarcate cycle lanes are being destroyed to illegally park vehicles in the city's hotspots; cops are yet to track down perpetrators

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Last week Bangalore Mirror had reported a mystery where bollards were going missing on the road towards Agara and there was no proof who had done it.

Now, the mystery seems to have been solved by a fellow cyclist who stumbled upon the main cause for bollards being removed without permission. The cause for bollards being removed was vehicles illegally parking over the bollards.

A regular cyclist was cycling down from KR Puram towards Silk Board on the cycle lane where he noticed that a goods truck was parked by breaking the bollards. This is definitely a big parking violation. "The driver wasn't there; he was inside the adjacent building but the engine was on," said Rahul, who noticed the truck being parked there.

He took pictures and shared it on WhatsApp groups with fellow cyclists and then someone put it up on Twitter. The official Twitter account of Bengaluru's traffic police replied to the tweet and tagged HSR Layout traffic police. No challan has been raised yet against the perpetrators.

A truck parked illegally that was noticed and flagged by a cyclist in Bengaluru

Bangalore Mirror
Bollards that divided the cycle lane from the Outer Ring Road connecting Silk Board to Agara were removed mysteriously
Ballad of the missing bollards

On November 25, Bangalore Mirror had reported on bollards disappearing in Bengaluru

> **"The only way we can solve this is to create more awareness among people by telling them not to use cycle lanes as a shortcut for parking spaces** – Rahul, a cyclist

The bollards are made of plastic and are screwed to the roads from the bottom. Because of its structure, it becomes easier for vehicles to hit and remove the bollards just to park vehicles. Not just large goods carrier trucks but several other vehicles -- especially bikes and scooters -- who try to not only park but use the cycle on the wrong side if they are in a hurry. This has been seen on the stretch between Silk Board to Agara but also in other parts of Bengaluru like Marathahalli. Even the cycle lanes of Jayanagar are lost due to illegal parking.

"The only way we can solve this is to create more awareness among people by telling them not to use cycle lanes as a shortcut for parking spaces," said Rahul. He and other cyclists also mention how there is a need to have bigger signage telling the public not to use vehicles on this road. The bollards are public property and damaging them is in turn vandalising public property. "The BBMP should also recover the damage costs as fines from the perpetrator(s)," said Sathya Sankaran, Cycle Mayor of Bengaluru.

He and other cyclists' communities of the city have been pushing towards creating permanent structures for the safety of cyclists in their lanes.

# A case of a workout gone wrong

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A 49-year-old man had been rigorously working out at his gym for two hours on Monday when he started feeling discomfort in his chest which quickly spread to his left shoulder and upper back. He immediately alerted his physical trainer.

By the time the trainer arrived at the scene, the man had lost consciousness. The trainer gave him cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and rushed him to the Emergency Department at Sagar Hospital.

On arrival at the hospital, an ECG showed that the man had suffered a major heart attack. He had witnessed cardiac arrest and was revived at the hospital after two cycles of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and direct current shock. He was connected to the ventilator as he had stopped breathing. He was then started on blood thinners and other blood pressure (BP) supportive medications and immediately shifted to Cathlab.

He underwent coronary angiography followed by angioplasty and stenting to the right coronary artery on the same day. Following the six hours long operation, his general condition improved and 12 hours after the procedure he was taken off ventilatory support. He was discharged on the 4th day.

"Any person who is involved in high-intensity sports including going to the gym should get complete cardiac evaluation yearly once to prevent such events," says Dr Kishore K.S, senior consultant Cardiologist, Sagar Hospital, BSK.

"Those having risk factors like diabetes mellitus, hypertension, obesity, smoking, family history and high cholesterol should also get cardiac evaluation yearly once before involving in high-intensity sports," Dr Kishore adds.

# Mystery around monkey deaths

## Autopsy delay leaves questions on cause of death

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Now and then, we hear about urban wildlife and human conflict resulting in endangering scheduled species. In yet another incident, two monkeys were discovered in the city – one was found dead and another in a critical state -- and they are suspected to have been poisoned.

The sick monkey later died. Arun Prasad, an animal activist, said he learnt about the incident on Monday night and started to follow up with the officials to know the status of the second monkey and if they had shifted it for postmortem.

Though the SOP says the postmortem should be conducted at the earliest, the confusion in identifying jurisdictions resulted in a delay of over 60 hours. He said, "On Sunday, one monkey was found dead on the ledge of a window of an apartment in Basaveshwarnagar and another monkey was found ill. Volunteers of People for Animals (PfA) arrived and rescued the monkey, but it succumbed later. It was clear that both the monkeys were poisoned." He said the dead monkey's postmortem was carried out immediately but the rescued monkey's postmortem was delayed. "The monkey was rescued from North Bengaluru but it died in the South, which led to the confusion. On Wednesday, the forest department of Kaggalipura Range took the monkey into its custody and shifted it for postmortem. The delay in carrying out postmortem could result in affecting the results as the poison content will get dissolved. We need to follow a clear SOP to avoid such delays," he said.

A volunteer said earlier too in poisoning cases, the postmortem was delayed and they could not prove that the monkey was poisoned as the stomach contents had decomposed. "The forest department must act quickly and not delay wildlife cases. The police must act quickly and probe to trace the people behind it," he said.

Navaz Shariff, General Manager of PfA, said they got a call for rescue on Sunday and their team brought the monkey for treatment and rehabilitation but it died on Sunday night. "The monkey had symptoms of poisoning and we immediately alerted the forest department to handle the case," he said.

Manjunath, Range Forest Officer, said recently a dead monkey was found and its body had decomposed before they shifted it for the postmortem. "The monkey had died two to three days ago. The cause of death is yet to be ascertained," he said.

Dr Prayag HS, assistant professor and chief wildlife vet, said that in any poisoning case, postmortem has to be done as soon as possible and the delay would affect the detection of poison. He said, "Fresher the carcass, better the results. Maximum they can extend is between 36 hours to 72 hours depending on the method used for detection. Forensic samples of the stomach content, liver and kidney should be immediately sent to the toxicology lab."

> Postmortem of the monkeys is completed. We are waiting for the results to ascertain the cause of the death. Preliminary investigation reveals that the older monkey is the mother which had died two days ago when we found her while the younger one displayed fatigue and weakness before death. Once we receive the PM report confirming poisoning, we will approach the police for further investigation. Till date there have been no instances of poisoning in the city as they are worshipped by most people. There has been no much delay in PM and we can still trace the poison,
>
> —Ravishankar SS, DCF Bengaluru Urban

**Animal activists say clear SOP must be followed in cases of animal deaths to make sure correct cause is identified**

# Fire breaks out in Commercial Street shop

A fire broke out inside a shop on Commercial Street on Thursday afternoon creating panic among the public. No casualties were reported and no one was injured in the accident.

The incident took place around 12 pm. The fire broke out inside a clothes shop on Commercial Street. Fire and emergency personnel along with the police rushed to the spot and doused the fire. Fire and emergency personnel said that the fire accident took place due to a suspected short circuit. The damage is still being assessed.

The public who were at the Commercial Street panicked after seeing the smoke emanating from the store and the police managed the crowd and dispersed them.

# ESIC official booked for misuse of funds

Acting on a complaint by the ESIC Department, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against few persons including an official working with the ESIC Hospital at Peenya, Bengaluru, an official said. "The complaint reads that the accused was posted at ESIC, Branch Office, Bommasandra for three years. He served there from 2016 to 2019. During the time, the accused connived with others and allegedly misappropriated the benefit payments from ESIC Branch Office, Bommasandra and other Branch Offices to the tune of Rs. 96,43,936," the official said. The accused also created fake employer registration through self registration portal of ESIC for employers with an intention to cheat.

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# The Jawad effect: Trains from the city cancelled

## Brace for this: The first cyclone of the north-east monsoon is on its way

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Met Department has predicted widespread very light to light rains over the Bengaluru Urban area for the next two days

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After a series of cloudy days with occasional sunshine in the city, the Met Department has predicted widespread very light to light rains over the Bengaluru Urban area for the next two days, along with the first cyclone of the north-east monsoon called Jawad. As a result, several trains journeying to and from the city have already been cancelled.

Meanwhile, scattered to widespread very light to moderate rains with isolated heavy rains is likely over south and north-interior regions along with Malnad areas while scattered light to moderate rains is likely over coastal Karnataka districts.

After a series of depression and cyclonic storms, now comes the first cyclone of the north-east monsoon which has been named as Jawad. A low depression in southern Thailand is gradually gathering strength to form a severe cyclonic storm. It is likely to enter Indian territory through the South Andaman Sea before making a landfall between

**It is likely to enter Indian territory through the South Andaman Sea before making a landfall between Odisha and Andhra coast on the morning of December 4**

Odisha and Andhra coast on the morning of December 4.

Though the cyclone may not have much impact on the state, a series of trains originating from Bengaluru have been cancelled: Puri – Yesvantpur Garibrath Express, Howrah - Yesvantpur Duronto, Howrah - Mysuru, Howrah - Yesvantpur Daily Express, Tatanagar - Yesvantpur Superfast, Yesvantpur - Howrah Duronto, Yesvantpur - Howrah Superfast Express and KSR Bengaluru - Bhubaneswar Express (these trains beginning their journey from December 3).

The Bengaluru Cantonment - Guwahati Superfast Express commencing its journey from Bengaluru Cantonment from December 2 has also been cancelled.

## Tirumala pilgrims miss darshan due to landslides

Many who had booked tickets had to miss their bus to Tirmala due to landslides in the temple town. Ram Kumar, a devotee said, "I had booked tickets a month ago. Now, we have been told that we cannot go due to landslides. We hope to visit the temple town once the weather is better."

Meanwhile, 20 pilgrims had a narrow escape on Wednesday when the driver of the bus they were travelling stopped the vehicle at the right time after noticing boulders rolling down the ghat's road due to the rain-induced landslides. The second road leading to the famous hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara was indefinitely closed for vehicular traffic after massive boulders, some car-sized ones, fell on the stretch, a temple official said.

The driver of the bus, driving uphill, applied the brakes just on time after noticing the rocks rolling down the hills, even as the boulders caused enormous damage to the road in many places and its protection railings at a height of 1,000 feet and 800 feet respectively on the 20-km-long, extremely curled serpentine road. The landslip took place early on Wednesday, the official said.

Recently, Tirumala had witnessed heavy downpour and after a gap of three days the hills experienced moderate rain on Tuesday night, which resulted in mudslides.

Earlier, following heavy rainfall, TTD had announced that devotees who were unable to visit the hills despite purchasing tickets online, may attend the darshan of the lord on the hills on any day within six months.

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# 'Engineer not responsible for pothole death'

Many roads are riddled with potholes and citizens have been demanding better roads repeatedly

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A day after the police booked a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engineer for a pothole death, the civic body's Chief Commissioner, Gaurav Gupta, came to his defence. The chief stated that as far as he is aware the engineer is not at fault. However, many Bengalureans have been venting their anger against BBMP stating that the civic agency has failed to fill the potholes across the city despite reminders.

On Wednesday, the police arrested the engineer and a truck driver in connection with the death of a young man who fell off his bike while trying to avoid a pothole and came under the wheels of the truck, the police said on Thursday.

The police have also booked a case against the road contractor. The arrested persons include: S Savitha (34), an assistant executive engineer, Mahadevapura zone and R Ravi (31), a truck driver and resident of Bidarahalli.

The accused were booked for causing death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving. BR Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner for Traffic stated that the assistant executive engineer had acted in utter negligence by not ensuring that the pothole was filled. The fatal road accident resulting in the death of a youth is the result of an unattended pothole. Savitha has been arrested, he added. The incident had taken place on Saturday. Azeem Ahmed (21), a food delivery executive, is identified as the deceased. He was driving on Thanisandra Main Road and lost control of his vehicle and fell down on the road. He came under a goods truck and died.

(With inputs from agencies)

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Traffic cops take on BBMP after death pit claims a life

BM's report on Dec 1

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### Safety hazard
**Rajajinagar**

This stretch between the signal at the entrance of Rajajinagar and 6th Block, near Venus International Public School is a hotspot for accidents.

### Traffic jam
**Race Course Road**

Baricades installed by the High Grounds Traffic Police Station are causing traffic jams here, a citizen wrote to BM.

# Turn off the panic button

## Amid Omicron fear, experts ask citizens to follow CAB, get jabbed

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Bus passengers stand in a queue to get tested for covid-19

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With researchers around the world still trying to figure out the aspects of Omicron, India detected its first two cases of the new variant... both from Bengaluru. The citizens are in panic mode, however the health professionals state that there is no need to panic.

While many opine that a travel ban can stop the infection, the experts said that imposing travel restrictions is not going to either prevent or control the spread of Omicron. Instead, they say, citizens should mask up, avoid gatherings and get vaccinated.

Dr Jagadish Hiremath, Chairman at Aasra Hospital, said: "People need not panic as the two detected cases are reported to be having mild symptoms. However, it is time we become vigilant and contain the infection as quickly as possible. There is a possibility of contracting the variant from co-passengers on a flight. Hence, the government must trace all the primary and secondary contacts of the passengers of the flight after it landed here. Unlike the previous variants, Omicron is nonspecific and does not escalate to conditions like lung problems. It comes with body ache and malaise. It is important that people with body pain get tested for covid. People must get vaccinated with both the doses. People must follow strict covid-appropriate behavior and avoid going out as much as possible."

Dr Rakshay Shetty (Lead Pediatric Intensivist, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Marathalli) said, "It's natural that variants happen over time. Omicron has created more news recently since it has unprecedented mutations noted in any variant until now. This has given it an advantage to spread rapidly. Rapid spread doesn't mean it's fatal, it just means that it spreads easily. Current available information doesn't suggest it to be deadly or more dangerous. Since there is a possibility of infecting even vaccinated people, following all covid-related norms is the only key until there is more clarity."

Even Health commissioner Randeep D pointed out that there was no need for the public to panic. "Currently, we have decided to focus on testing and not bring down the number. The BBMP has to conduct 30,000 tests per day and over all in the state more than 80,000 need to be conducted. Secondly, we are focusing on getting everyone covered with both the doses. This is important to reduce infections. We will ensure that covid-appropriate behaviour is followed, wherein the social gatherings and crowding need to be reduced. If the government and citizens work together in following all the norms, we will be able to keep the virus at bay. Currently, both the cases of the variant have not caused higher infections, hence nothing to worry."

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar has also urged people not to get anxious but to follow covid safety measures. The chief ministers will make a plan soon after arriving from Delhi and necessary steps will be taken to contain the virus spread, he added.

### Omicron: How it's pronounced

- The latest variant of covid-19, Omicron, is named after the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet. The first 12 have been used for naming other strains.
- Why letters 13 and 14 – Nu and Xi – skipped?
- s it **AH-muh-kraan, OH-muh-kraan, OH-mee-kraan, OH-my-kraan...** or what?
- The word is a compound from the Greek "o mikron," meaning "small o." In classical Greek, the word was pronounced with the second syllable sounding like an English "me".
- There is no single pronunciation in English yet, experts say.

> **The BBMP has to conduct 30,000 tests per day. Over all, more than 80,000 need to be conducted in the State**
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> – Randeep D, health commissioner

# Omicron might not be new here: Experts

The Union Health ministry on Thursday confirmed that two cases of Omicron variant of covid-19 were detected in Bengaluru. One of them, a 46-year-old doctor from Bommanahalli, had no travel history. While this has caused concern among the public, experts stated that though the the variant might have been detected now, it could have been prevalent in the city.

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Head, Scientific Board and Chairman-Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospital pointed out that according to the data, although the variant has been identified in South Africa, it was prevalent in Europe even before it was identified in South Africa. "While transmissibility is more for the Omicron variant, the infection severity is low. Given that the transmissibility is more, we need to follow covid-appropriate behaviour. We need to carry out the genomic testing at a higher rate. We shouldn't miss out on any cases of the variant."

Dr CN Manjunath, Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, said, "The Omicron cases might have been here for some time. But, there is no need to panic. Everyone should get vaccinated. An already-vaccinated person can also be infected, but the severity of the disease will be mild."

Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region, said: "The cases were not unexpected in view of the interconnected world we live in. This emphasises the need for all countries to step up surveillance. Comprehensive and tailored public health and social measures by governments, and strict adherence to precautionary measures by individuals, are must. All travellers must adhere to norms and remain vigilant for symptoms of covid-19."

New guidelines to be formulated: CM

A high-level meeting with experts and senior officers had been convened on Friday to discuss the measures to be taken in the light of two Omicron cases reported in the state and new guidelines would be formulated, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

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# Torture in police custody: 3 cops suspended

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Three police personnel from Varthur police station were suspended on Thursday in connection with an an alleged police torture in custody case.

The police had detained 21-year-old Salman Khan, who works in a meat shop over a theft case and after he was allegedly subjected to custodial tourture, he is said to have had to get his arm amputated.

The accused police personnel, Nagabhushan Gowda, a Head Constable, Nagaraj BN and Shivaraj H, both constables, were suspended after prima facie evidence showed that they handled the case "unscientifically " — a procedure that has only become blithely customary in cases of custodial violence.

According to the fact-finding committee, Khan was illegally detained from October 27, 2021 to October 31, 2021, without being produced before a magistrate or compliance with the due procedure established by law, and was subjected to extreme forms of torture at the hands of the police officials of the police station. He was suspended by hanging him by his toes, beaten up, kicked, stomped on by boots, placed in positions with a rod tied behind his back, and was kicked on his arm to such an extent that the arm was swollen to twice its size. On account of the torture inflicted Khan and lost his arm which had to be amputated later.

The team demanded that action must be initiated against the officials under Section 220, 330 and 331 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, amongst other provisions of law and a monitored inquiry must be initiated against the Inspector and officials of Varthur Police Station regarding the incident. Compensation no less than Rs. 50 lakh should be granted to Khan and his family for the atrocities faced by him, the team said. The State Human Rights Commission, Commissioner of Police and Minorities Commission must take cognizance of the incident and take strict action against the erring officials.

## SR Vishwanath case: Notice to 10 persons

Yelahanka MLA SR Vishwanath visited the Rajanukunte police station on Thursday and recorded his statement in connection with a report that a rival gang was plotting to eliminate him. The police have served notice to 10 persons, including Congress leader Gopalakrishna, in connection with the case of conspiring to kill the three-time BJP MLA on Thursday.

Vishwanath is said to be close to former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai reacted on the issue before flying off to Delhi and said the 'matter is seized with the police now and after investigation, a call will be taken to whether the case should be handed over to higher agencies'. A video clip with a conversation between Congress leader Gopalakrishna and his associates about 'killing MLA Vishwanath when he goes to farm house', had gone viral.

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# 'Land Trades Property Show 2021' kicks off in Mangaluru

The Land Trades Builders and Developers organised their third edition of "Land Trades Property Show 2021" from Thursday at Mangaluru (Milestone 25, Balmatta) and will conclude on December 5. The company is celebrating its 29 years in the real estate sector providing affordable housing and properties to a large number of residential and commercial customers. The property expo was inaugurated by B.Chandrashekhar Rao (General Manager of Karnataka Bank).

The properties exhibited in the expo are Adheera in Urwa, Altora in Bendoorwell, Solitaire in Hat Hill, Habitat 154 in Derebail, Nakshatra in Mannagudda, Milestone 25 in Balmatta, Indus in Kadri road and Ananthesh in Car Street. There are residential as well as commercial properties. The Land Trades Builders and Developers have completed 39 residential projects so far. The company was started in 1992 by Srinath Hebbar.

"Land Trades Builders and Developers is an ISO 9000:2015 certified company, awarded DA2 rating by CRISIL. The company gets a CRISIL rating for each project to confirm the quality of work. The company has more than 3,000 happy customers. We are providing quality houses in the prime area of the city without any hassles. Our primary aim is to provide quality homes in prime areas. Our motto is that investors must get good returns and feel happy living in our houses. We ensure quality and there are no recurring expenses to our customers. We assure two to three layers of quality checks. We conduct in-house quality auditing and also ensure quality from external agencies. We are organising this expo to build awareness among the people.

The visitors to this expo will get varieties of benefits like package discounts, spot cash discounts, and others," said Hebbar, who is the Administrative Director of Land Trades Builders and Developers. The CEO of Land Trades Builders and Developers Rameeth Kumar said, "We are exhibiting a total of eight projects we have developed. Among these, five are residential and three are commercial projects. All the projects are in prime locations in Mangaluru.

For two projects we have obtained an occupational certificate. Remaining three are under completion. We want to provide housing at affordable prices. Among the five projects, we have developed one project for the low-income group.

The customers who book properties at the expo will get spin wheel benefits like Rs.50,000 cash back etc. Many banks are offering spot loan facilities in the venue to the buyers who are eligible at attractive rates. Banks offer processing fee waivers and other benefits at the expo." — **Prakash VL**

# Watchmystars for Prince Ardent Trophy

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A facile last start winner, Watchmystars from the stables of Irfan Ghatala is fancied to record his second straight success. The in-form Irfan Ghatala ward competing in the Prince Ardent Trophy looks outstanding and is set to win the feature event on Friday.

The main threat to Watchmystars will emanate from Rajesh Narredu -trained Priceless Gold and Dominic schooled Wings Of Desire. The former back at his parent centre after two notable performances in Mumbai against higher rated horses holds the edge and is likely to follow Watchmystars home.

Winner of the Bangalore Oaks last season, Antibes from the yard of Arjun Manglorkar appeals most in the Daria Daulat Trophy and is recommended as one safe bet in the small six-event card.

**First race starts at 2:30 p.m:**

**1. Smarty Jones Plate 1400M:**
Windstorm 1, Divine Blessings 2, Defining Power 3.

**2. Mahanadi Plate 1600M:**
Impelling Power 1, Mrs Thatcher 2, Amalfi Sunrise 3.

**3. Daria Daulat Trophy 2000M:**
Antibes 1, Pissaro 2, Scintillating Lass 3.

**4. Prince Ardent Trophy 1200M:**
Watchmystars 1, Priceless Gold 2, Wings Of Desire 3.

**5. Tungabhadra Plate (Div-II) 1400M:**
General Patton 1, Drusilla 2, Four Wheel Drive 3.

**6. Tungabhadra Plate (Div-I) 1400M:**
Garamond 1, Allabouther 2, Exclusive Mandate 3.

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## BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

**The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.**

**1 I am a 36-year-old married man. Whenever I engage in sexual activity or if I experience nightfall, I experience pain in my knees, legs and waist. I had an L5 sacralisation problem five years ago, and it makes sex very difficult. What can I do to get relief?**
The best thing to do is to visit your family doctor who has knowledge of your problem. He will refer you to a surgeon who specialises in skin grafting or other procedures. Regarding the sexual problem you are experiencing, it will subsequently be resolved.

**2 I'm 18 years old and my girlfriend is younger than me. The last time we were intimate, we both had our pants off and I was rubbing my penis over her vagina. At some point, some liquid substance oozed out of my penis but I'm sure that it wasn't sperm. We didn't indulge in sex following the act. But my girlfriend hasn't got her period as yet – she's due on the 13th of every month. Could she be pregnant? We are both very worried.**
You have taken a risk. However, what you have seen is lubricating fluid which normally occurs with sexual excitement. At times, the excitement results in delayed period. She can test for pregnancy with a home kit available at chemists.

**3 I am a 22-year-old virgin and work out daily for an hour-and-a-half. Recently, I've been experiencing a vibrating sensation in my right testicle. This lasts for five seconds only. How do I cure it?**
I have no idea why your testicle should vibrate. Is it occurring after you remove your tight underwear worn during the workout? If it continues, visit your family doctor.

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# Paw-mpering time!

## Pets need a regular grooming session to maintain their well-being and hygiene

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We bet you like getting pampered. Who doesn't? A fulfilling day at the spa or a salon getting a full body massage or a facial can turn even a dipping day into a pleasant one. It relaxes and rejuvenates us. Likewise, our pets also need a regular grooming session to maintain their wellbeing and their hygiene. Unlike us, they cannot let you know verbally what they need and what they don't, but as pet parents, we must know what is necessary.
Regular pet grooming, for instance, is absolutely necessary for them. One may think, why would a dog or a cat need a bath, de-matting or a massage session? The answer is the same – relaxation and rejuvenation, just like us. Let's have a look at why it's so important and should not be ignored.

### Why is the breed important
In breeds with longer hair, dogs tend to be at a higher risk of tick and flea infestation, matting and fungal infections if not supervised. "Different breeds of dogs and cats have different grooming requirements, which if ignored can lead to skin & health issues. In the case of furry dog breeds such as Lhasas, Shih Tzus, Maltese, Poodles, Chow-Chows amongst many others; regular grooming plays a very important role in maintaining their overall health and development," says Sharan Sharma, owner, Nutty's Den, a pet store, salon and spa in Mumbai. "If their grooming needs are not met, their fur begins to mat, leading to redness and fungal infections. While cats are proficient at self-grooming, Persian cats have long fur. They need help to keep their fur knot- and mat-free. Regular grooming helps avoid these painful mats and skin infections in pet dogs and cats."

### Save your pet from matting
This is specifically in the case of pet dogs and cats who have longer fur. This is a condition where their fur gets densely tangled and knotted. It is a painful condition and de-matting, even more so. This condition can lead to other serious health concerns like infections or skin irritations and can also mask other health issues or parasites. "De-matting is not only a cumbersome task for a groomer but it is also a painful process for a pet," Sharma weighs in. "Even with some of the best de-matting products and tools available, it is always advised to prevent these situations for their pets by spending few minutes daily brushing their pets' fur at home."

### Cats are susceptible to ear mites
Cats, on the other hand, are at a higher risk of ear mites. As they are essentially quite non-cooperative when it comes to sensitive areas like their ears, mouth or eyes, it becomes all the more important to keep an eye on such infections. Take them to get their ears cleaned regularly to either a vet or a pet salon that knows how to deal with non-cooperative cats.

### Frequency of grooming sessions
The next big question – how often should you take them to get groomed? It is not a one-size-fits-all solution. It depends on the breed and size of the dog. "Breeds like Labradors, Beagles, Chihuahuas, and Indies are relatively easier to manage and maintain. The same applies to Indie cats. These breeds can be groomed once in 15 days and they'll do just fine. Trimming nails regularly, brushing their teeth and ear cleaning is very important," he adds. On the other hand, Sharma explains that breeds like Shih Tzus, Poodles, Yorkies, Lhasas, Maltese, Chow Chows, Golden Retrievers, amongst other furry breeds, have higher grooming needs and need frequent trips to a professional groomer. To maintain a healthy skin coat and shine, they should also be given a regular oil massage that applies to Persian cats too.

### Timely maintenance of nails and paws
Your pets need their claws trimmed too. Be it dogs or cats, they tend to constantly lick their paws many times a day which makes it a breeding ground for growing infections and bacteria that your pet might ingest. Longer nails mean greater risks of stomach and other infections. Plus, it also makes it impossible for them to hold their feet steady on marbles, granite or vitrified floors. "During the lockdown, we came across many pet dogs whose nails were not trimmed for months. Due to this their nails had either in-grown or become too long and prone to breakage," Sharma says.

"One can't suddenly make a dog's nails too short as there is a blood vessel underneath that grows longer with the nail. It can only be shortened over a period of time with regular nail cutting and filing." For the same, he adds that there are special nail cutters as well as nail grinders that do the job just as well even at home. Although you need to be really careful while doing so.

He also recommends protective paw boots, especially while walking pets on hot pavements, during monsoons as well as in extreme cold conditions. "These extreme conditions cause their paws to crack — protective paw boots help prevent that. Paw balms and paw butters can be used to massage the paws of our pets at night to keep them well moisturised."

### Accessible grooming services
There are plenty of essential as well as indulgent grooming and spa options available for pets. Organic oil massages, bubble baths to relax their muscles, de-shedding shampoo and conditioning services, paw massages, breed and gender-specific haircuts all that are essential for your furry friends are available.

# City doc has no travel history

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November 22, his samples were sent for genomic sequencing. He also underwent a covid test at a private laboratory on November 23, and the report came negative.

On November 22 and 23, all the samples of primary and secondary contacts were tested. There were 24 primary contacts and all were asymptomatic and negative. The 240 secondary contacts' samples also returned negative. The person left for Dubai on November 27.

## Fake RT PCR?

Rumours did rounds that the South African faked the covid negative certificate. "As primary and secondary contacts tested negative, we do not think the test report was faked," said health minister Dr K Sudhakar.

The other individual who tested positive for Omicron had no travel history. The 46-year-old doctor who developed symptoms — fever and body ache — underwent an RT PCR test on November 22 around 10:00 am. He was positive at 4:00 pm the same day.

With low CT (cycle threshold) values, his samples were sent for genomic sequencing. The doctor was in home isolation between November 22 and 24 and was shifted to a hospital on November 25. After three days, he was discharged on November 27, once his health got better.

The physician attended a conference in the city, along with other people from India and abroad, said health officials. There is a possibility that he contracted the virus there.

The doctor has 13 primary contacts and 205 secondary contacts. Three primary contacts and two secondary contacts who tested positive are under institutional quarantine.

BBMP chief Gaurav Gupta, meanwhile, said the citizen with no travel history testing positive for Omicron is a matter of concern: "He is clinically stable and under watch. However one need not panic and should follow covid appropriate behaviour."

The health minister said the 46-year-old practising doctor has been stable so far.

"Among the doctor's contacts, five who tested positive are isolated and admitted in government hospitals. None are presenting any serious symptoms. All are fully vaccinated. The samples of primary and secondary contacts will be sent for genomic sequencing. We are closely tracking the case. Further, we will come forward with guidelines based on the advice of the technical advisory committee," Sudhakar added.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will hold a crucial meeting with experts on Friday, we are told, where he is expected to announce a new set of rules to deal with Omicron.

"We will have a discussion with the Chief Minister once he returns from Delhi, and come out with action plans," Sudhakar noted.

## On TPR

"We don't want TPR to rise further. We are ensuring clusters, perimeters, primary and secondary contacts are tested. Further containment measures in containment zones are needed. If all this falls in place, we don't have to worry about variants," BBMP health commissioner Randeep D told BM.

# Why KR Puram Market needs space

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arriving at the market have no place other than the main road to station and unload the produce. Around hundreds of goods vehicles and two-wheelers frequent the market daily. Most of them use the vacant land for parking. They move out as soon as the merchandise is unloaded and allow other vehicles to come in.

Sadiq, a goods vehicle owner, told Bangalore Mirror that he and his friends run vegetable shops in and around Mahadevapura and are regular visitors to the KR Puram Market. "We often get stuck in traffic as early as 4:00 am until 6:00 am when we would not even have purchased our veggies and greens. The main road for about 100 to 200 metres close to the market that leads to Hoskote would be jam-packed with vehicles. There are so many people dependent on the market activities in the wee hours. They too get stuck in the traffic pile up that is caused by good vehicles that are parked on the road, unable to reach their destinations on time," said Sadiq.

KR Puram traffic police are forced to deploy at least four to six personnel who would be busy managing traffic both during the night shift and early mornings. There is a temple situated close to the market that draws a significant gathering. On auspicious days, vehicles coming to both the market and temple would make the traffic police weary manning dense vehicle movement advancing at a snail's pace on the stretch.

The employees' union of KR Puram Market complained about the issue to both the traffic police and city administration, but in vain.

Traffic police deputy commissioner (east division) Shantharaju told Bangalore Mirror that the law enforcement wing is in talks with the cluster heads from the market and is in the process of identifying a place for parking the produce laden vehicles and unloading. "As of now, the KR Puram traffic police are deployed in more than the usual numbers to ensure free movement of traffic," he said.

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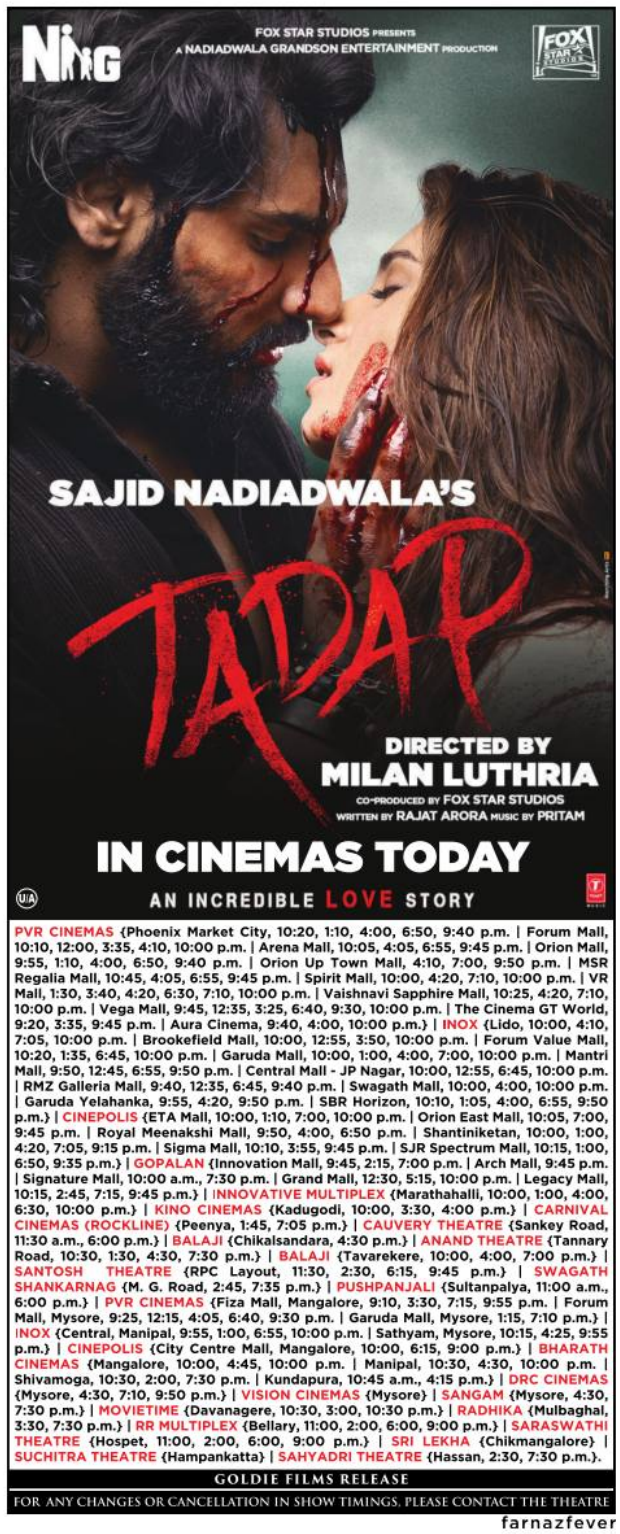
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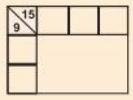
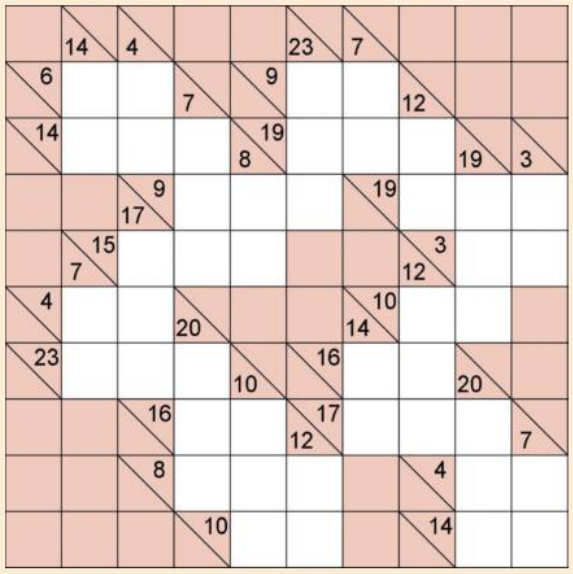
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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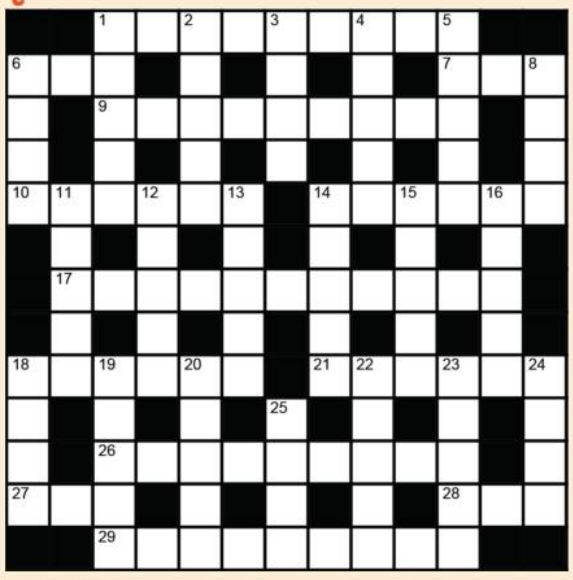


**ACROSS**

1 Capital city of Scotland (9)
6 Mr Hanks of Hollywood (3)
7 Bond creator Fleming (3)
9 Military unit (9)
10 Did damage to (6)
14 Ethnic (6)
17 Discreditable; humiliating (11)
18 The Akali state (6)
21 Beach or seashore (6)
26 National park home to many tigers and elephants (9)
27 Have being (3)
28 River, to Juanita (3)
29 Medical therapy (9)

**DOWN**

1 Glowing coal (5)
2 Tropical fibre (5)
3 Partiality (4)
4 Indian dish of cucumber in yoghurt (5)
5 Indian language (5)
6 Technology, in short? (4)
8 Fixing pin (4)
11 Farewell (5)
12 Bollywood's __ Bajpai (5)
13 Retire from military service (5)
14 Tears or wrenches forcibly (5)
15 Group of singers (5)
16 Criminal fire-raising (5)
18 Entreaty (4)
19 Group of nine (5)
20 Quarrel (5)
22 Store of treasure (5)
23 Heedful or cautious (5)
24 Large extinct bird (4)
25 Worry (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: L EQUALS P**

D SEMMCGCPO QVGUS NDPPVO JC JAEUO JT EPSEMMCGCPO LCVLUC.

## Linemaro

Hi, I need your help. My mom says if I don't get a date by tomorrow, she is putting me up for adoption

## Mindchow

By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends

## Joke of the day

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was booked for littering

## Loop

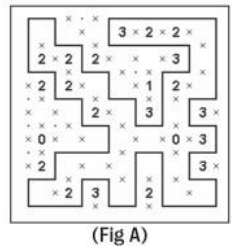
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

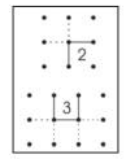
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

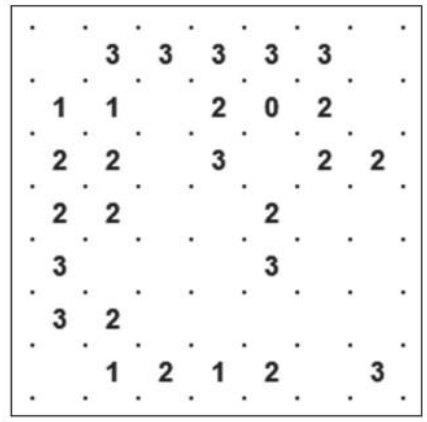
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



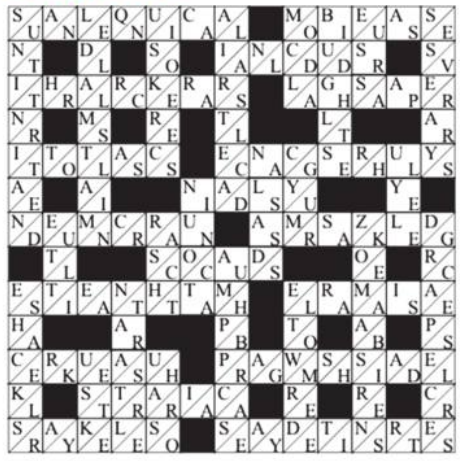
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



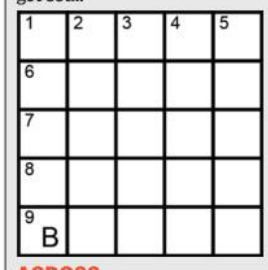
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

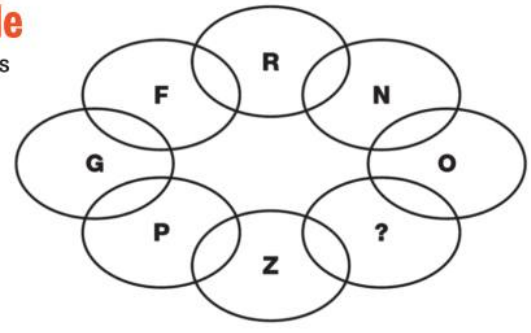
1 Hit RP; 6 Omaha; 7 Lunar; 8 Gamed; 9 Do Lob

**DOWN**

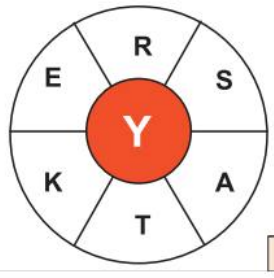
1 But HM; 2 Allah; 3 Donor; 4 Amigo; 5 Raped

## Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?



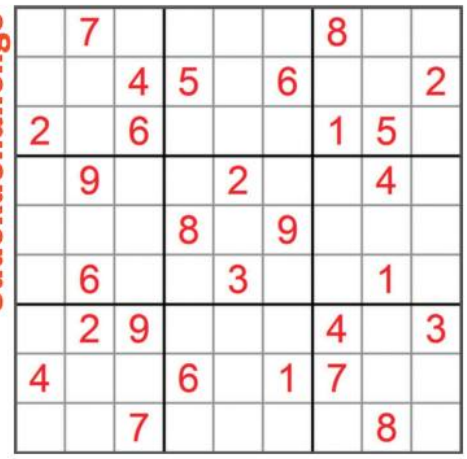

## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**07** Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 19
4 6 8 9

**Medium** = 38
4 5 5 7

**Hard** = 41
2 7 9 4

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



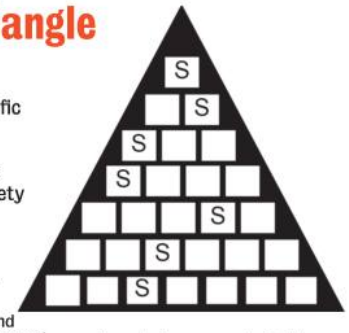
**Differences:** 1. Nozzle is shorter. 2. Steering wheel is moved. 3. Tire is not showing. 4. License plate is moved. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Window is different.

## Riddler

I'm powerful enough to clean most anything, Yet gentle enough to eat. I'm used to make an explosion of sorts, Yet can be found at millions of stores worldwide. I can kill grass, And even tenderize your meat. I can clean up even the smelliest stench, and soften your fabrics. What am I?

## Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 _ easy _ a pie
3 Japanese honorific
4 Not mad
5 High-IQ group
6 Tailor's measure
7 Healthy tea variety




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

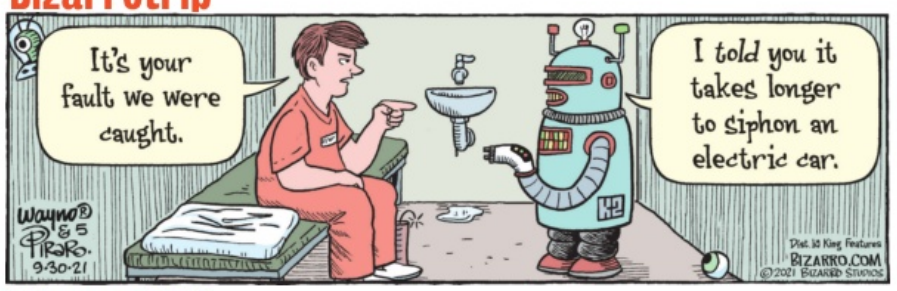
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson

HOW WAS THE MEDICINE MEN'S CONVENTION?
EXHAUSTING! WORK WORK, WORK, EVERY DAY FROM SUNUP TO DARK!
...BUT I FINALLY GOT RID OF MY HOOK!
9-20

## Bizarrotrip




## Diamond Lil

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## Hart of the city

THIS IS BORING, DEAN. LET'S GO LOOK FOR BURIED TREASURE.
BUT WHAT IF YOU DON'T FIND ANYTHING?
IT'S THE JOURNEY THAT MATTERS!
NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST.
RIGHT, BUT THE LAST TIME YOU WANDERED, YOU GOT LOST.

## Crankshaft

'Thirteen years ago the hedge fund "Mordor Financial" bought our "Centerville Sentinel".
'At first we thought there would be an infusion of money with the investment in the paper...
'But that was never the plan.'
Centerville Sentinel
9-27

## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel healthy. Old health problems may get resolved now. You may win in terms of litigation. You will have full control over your opponents and business rivals. Your money, which was stuck, is likely to get recovered now. This may boost liquidity. You may receive new responsibility at work, which will give you benefits in the near future.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
You may be busy with your children. Couples may welcome a new born baby. Those couples who are trying to conceive may hear good news. With the help of wisdom, you may be able to settle disputes in on the business and social front. Students may plan for overseas education. Natives involved in jobs may plan for higher studies for a good career.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may experience disappointment at work and may not be able to enjoy a single moment. You may face some losses in property matters. Postpone investments for a while, otherwise you may face losses. Take care of your parents' health.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the the moon. You are likely to have inner strength and may be able to make some difficult decisions at work. You may be busy in social get togethers, which may help expand your network. Your network may benefit you in the near future in terms of work. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy with family. You may also plan for your children's academics. You may spend money to buy some artefacts and creative stuff to renovate your house. You may plan to go for short trips for kids academics. Kids education may make you upset. You are advised to avoid any type of addictions otherwise it may create some disturbance in the domestic life.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. With the help of courage you may be able to make good plans and may implement them efficiently. You are advised to control your overexcitement. You may make some mistake. Read documents before signing them. Your rivals and opponents are now under control.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your old health issues may arise again. Anxiety and restlessness may make you upset. You may lose focus on your goals. You may waste you precious time in doing worthless tasks. You are advised to control your spending on worthless stuff, it may affect your financial health.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today at the starting of the day you may not be focused towards your work but with the help of elders' blessings you may be able to control messy situations. You may easily find the resources, which might be important for the completion of your project. Your sources of income are likely to be increased, your losses may be converted into profits which may boost your financial health.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may expect a big order from an overseas client. This will boost liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet an influential person, who may help you grow your business. Your bonding with the boss may become strong. You may expect some promotions because of hard work. Your prestige may be increased now.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by your elders which may bless you with patience in your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit to some spiritual place to seek peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to a spiritual place for development. You may plan for overseas travel.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues, which may affect your daily work. You will experience a mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventurous tours. You may also be attracted by the occult. You are advised to visit some religious place.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today the blessing from the moon may make you happy. You may help the needy. You are likely to analyse yourself and accepts mistakes in your personal life. Faith in relationship with the spouse may improve, which may boost confidence in your relationship with your spouse. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.

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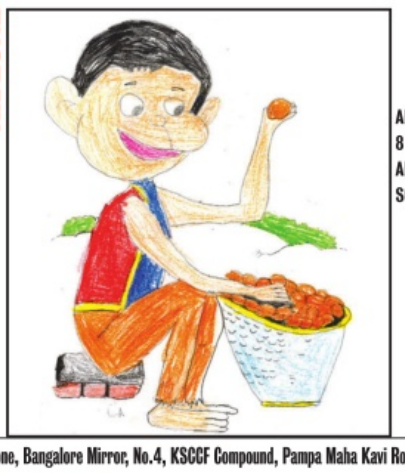

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ARUSHI G, 10 YEARS, VIDYA NIKETAN SCHOOL

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## SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
2+3=5, 3+5=8, 5+8=13, 8+13=21. The missing letter is 21

**RIDDLER**
Baking Soda.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
A different world cannot be built by indifferent people.

**BULL'S EYE**
easy, stay, stray, tray, tyke, tyre, year, yeast

**FAST FIVE**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
H. Start at the top and move down, taking single letters or pairs of letters that appear on the same horizontal line. The sum of the numerical values of the letters in each line increases by 2 as you go down, from 18 to 26.

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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
S, As, San, Sane, Mensa, Insean, Jasmine.

**GO FIGURE**
6 + 8 – 4 + 9 = 19
Easy
4 + 5 x 5 – 7 = 38
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9 x 4 + 7 – 2 = 41
Hard

**LOOP**

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**Dev in another realm–** Actor Dev Patel has launched his own production company, Minor Realm, which has a mission to 'explore and develop the creative landscape of voices and talent that too often are unrecognized, bringing these stories to life...'

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# The wedding chamber of secrets

## Bollywood weddings that made guests feel like secret agents

Keeping it a secret till the very end, choosing an isolated venue, having a small gathering and not allowing anyone except for close friends and family, not disclosing the details to the media, keeping gadgets and stuff at bay, Bollywood is changing the media exposure of weddings. A list of couples who sure sure know how to keep a secret.

### Preity and Gene

The gorgeous Preity Zinta tied the knot with her long time boyfriend Gene Goodenough and no one had a clue. The couple dated for about five years before getting married and it was an extremely low-key affair.

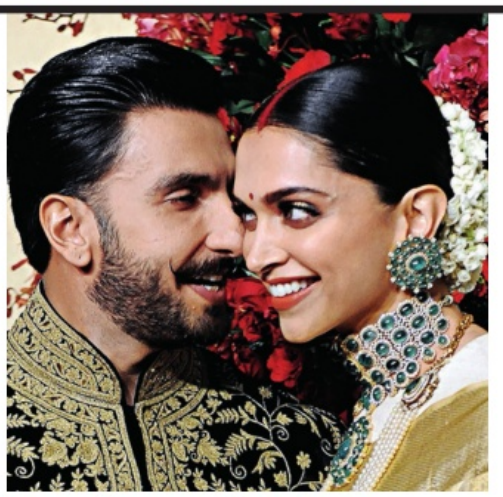
Only close family members from both sides and some friends were invited for the occasion. They got married in Los Angeles and kept it a very private wedding. The actress opened up about her relationship during a Facebook Live chat in which she said, "I met Gene in Santa Monica and then we dated for five years before finally getting married."

### Virat and Anushka

This power couple got married in December 2017 at the beautiful location of Tuscany, Italy. It was a close affair with only family members and friends. They later on hosted two huge receptions, one in Delhi and one in Mumbai for all their friends and relatives. But they kept their marriage announcement a safe secret till they themselves came out with it.

### Neha and Angad

The actors Neha Dhupia and Angad Bedi married each other in an intimate Anand Karaj ceremony in 2018. It was an extremely low-key affair and only family members were part of it. They kept everything at a distance, be it the media, extravaganza or their fans till they finally tied the knot.



### Deepika and Ranveer

They were very vocal about how truly, madly, deeply they loved each other and while they were having trouble scheduling their marriage due to their work commitments, they finally tied the knot in November 2018, in a close ceremony attended by family and friends. They had a Konkani wedding and Anand Karaj and it was all dreamy. But they kept it a secret till the very end, phones were banned and their fans got the news from social media. Later on they hosted a reception for their work friends and everyone else who couldn't be invited to the wedding.

### Vicky and Katrina

The newest addition to this list is supposedly going to be that of superstar Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif. The couple is supposedly getting married at a resort in Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan and have only invited the best of their friends and family members. Phones are banned, no technical gadgets are allowed either.

# 'Any time Suri wants to cast me, I'll sign up'

Salaga's success has added responsibility for Duniya Vijay, who is getting ready for his next directorial project. "It is going to be a subject based on rowdyism," he reveals. He adds that he went and met a few gangsters, and patiently heard their stories to give a realistic touch to the characters. "The story on one rowdy was terrible. I was shaken when I heard about his deeds. It takes a lot of guts to meet these people," he says.

He said he has been writing the story, and is looking for actors for the roles. "Yes, this film will have me as director as well as an actor," he told us. After Salaga, he was thrilled when other directors called him to appreciate his work. "They said it was a well-thought process. That was also my intention, I wanted the story to take the lead," he said. Vijay has been approached by various producers too, but he is still to take a call.

Ask him whether he has plans to associate with director Suri and he responds, "Of course, why not? He is the director who gave Duniya to me. Any time, when Suri wants to cast me, I will be more than happy to be a part of his project," he signs off. **–Mahesha H**

### Wedding deets

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All you need to know about Mouni Roy's wedding with boyfriend Suraj Nambiar